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SUBJECT: SCHMIDT/CALLAGHAN MEETING

1. SOURCES IN LONDON HAVE BRIEFED US ON THE AGENDA
AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE JANUARY 23-24 SCHMIDT/CALLAGHAN
MEETING. OUR SOURCES STRESSED THAT THERE IS NOTHING
UNUSUAL ABOUT THIS GET-TOGETHER NOR ABOUT ITS TIMING.
IT IS SIMPLY ONE IN SERIES OF NORMAL TWICE-A-YEAR
UK-FRG SUMMITS.

2. THE ONLY NEW TWIST IS THAT SCHMIDT WILL BRING
ALONG DEFENSE MINISTER LEBER, FINANCE MINISTER APEL,
AND ECONOMIC MINISTER FRIDERICH. THIS WILL BE THE
FIRST TIME IN THESE UK/FRG SUMMIT MEETINGS THAT
SEVERAL ASSORTED MINISTERS WILL ALSO TAKE PART, AS IN
THE FRG/FRENCH PATTERN.

3. THE CHANCELLOR WILL ARRIVE ON THE 23RD. THERE
WILL BE A "FOUR EYES" DISCUSSION THAT EVENING, FOLLOWED
BY A WORKING DINNER IN WHICH MINISTERS WILL PARTICIPATE.
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ON THE 24TH MINISTERS WILL MEET SEPARATELY IN LONDON
IN THE MORNING AND THEN BE JOINED BY CALLAGHAN AND
SCHMIDT FROM CHEQUERS FOR A PLENARY SESSION AND A
WORKING LUNCHEON AT 10 DOWNING STREET. IT IS STILL
UNCERTAIN WHETHER CROSLAND AND GENSCHER WILL AT SOME
POINT MAKE A FOURSOME WITH SCHMIDT AND CALLAGHAN OR
WHETHER THEY WILL DISCUSS FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES

SEPARATELY.

4. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO FORMAL AGENDA FOR THE TALKS,
THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS A BEST GUESS FOLLOWING UK-FRG
EXCHANGES HERE:

A. ATLANTIC RELATIONS - SITUATION IN THE
ALLIANCE, ESPECIALLY ON THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN
FLANKS. SCHMIDT MAY DISCUSS HIS RECENT VISIT TO
SPAIN AND HIS CONVERSATION WITH SUAREZ;

B. DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPE - THE ECONOMIC
SITUATION IN THE COMMUNITY; POLITICAL COOPERATION AND
HOW THE NINE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO PROBLEMS OF CYPRUS, THE
MIDDLE EAST, SOUTHERN AFRICA AND BELGRADE CONFERENCE;
AND THE JOINT EUROPEAN TORSION SITING ISSUE.

C. INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION - THE
NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE; THE ECONOMIC POLICIES OF THE

MEETING;

D. THE UK ECONOMIC SITUATION - CALLAGHAN WILL
PROBABLY ARGUE FOR GERMAN REFLATION AND THE CHANCELLOR
NO DOUBT WILL EXPLAIN WHY THIS PRESENTS HIM DOMESTIC
DIFFICULTIES;

E. EAST/WEST RELATIONS INCLUDING MBFR - THIS
WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL;

F. NON-PROLIFERATION;

G. BERLIN AND ESPECIALLY ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH
THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT;

H. OFFSET AND UK CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMON
DEFENSE - SCHMIDT WILL DISCUSS THIS PRIVATELY WITH
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